

**Resolutions
Passed at the
34th Annual
Meeting of
Wheat Pool
Delegates**

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"We are living at a time when creeds and ideologies vary and clash. But the gospel of human sympathy is universal and eternal."

—Samuel Hopkins Adams.

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WHEAT POOL
REGINA, SASK.**

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool is owned and controlled by its shareholders through the delegate body. One delegate is elected by members in each of the 167 Wheat Pool Sub-districts and the delegates elect the Board of Directors at 16 district delegates' meetings. Each delegate must stand for election annually. The President of the organization, for example, must be elected first as a delegate for his sub-district, then as director for his district and finally as President by the members of the Board of Directors. In this manner, members of the Pool maintain control of the organization. That is why the Pool is known as a democratic co-operative.

It has often been said by visitors to the Annual Meeting of Delegates that this meeting could be called "The Farmers' Parliament." These visitors have done so after witnessing the high calibre debates, discussions and suggestions expounded by the delegates. These discussions cover almost every phase of agriculture. This is borne out by a study of resolutions passed at annual meetings of Wheat Pool delegates.

It should be remembered that resolutions from country meetings are reaching Head Office almost daily and are usually included in the minutes sent in by committee secretaries.

All resolutions dealing with general policy, as well as policy affecting individual Divisions, are referred to the Board of Directors and to the Manager of the Division concerned.

Resolutions which require expenditure of capital funds are also referred to the Board of Directors and to the Manager of the Division concerned.

Resolutions dealing with day to day operations of the various Divisions, which normally come under the responsibility of Management, are referred to the Manager of the Division concerned.

This process goes on throughout the year and ensures that the opinion in the country is placed before the Board of Directors and Management at all times.

During the Annual Meeting of Delegates the Resolutions Committee takes over and after summarizing and consolidating all resolutions presents them to the meeting.

The following is a list of resolutions passed at the 34th Annual Meeting of Delegates of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool:

Future Policy

1. The Future Policy recommendations submitted in the Annual Report of the Board of Directors and approved by the 34th Annual Meeting of Delegates, are as follows:

- (1) That notwithstanding the \$1.00 per acre payment approved by the Government of Canada, the Western grain producers' primary need is for more revenue; the attainment of more revenue should be the first consideration of the organization.
- (2) That as a step towards the objectives set out in the foregoing resolution, negotiations be continued with the Government of Canada, aimed at obtaining the acceptance by the Government of the principle of Deficiency Payments to be applied to wheat, oats and barley, as the most effective method of guaranteeing to grain producers a fair share of the national income.
- (3) That every encouragement possible be given to policies designed to move surpluses of grain into markets through both commercial and non-commercial channels.
- (4) That the application of the Colombo Plan be expanded in all ways possible, as a means of increasing the disposal of wheat surpluses to needy countries.
- (5) That full support be directed towards renewal of the International Wheat Agreement.
- (6) That a comprehensive program of crop insurance as suggested by the Government, be instituted.
- (7) That we recommend the establishment of a price for wheat for domestic human consumption at levels in line with costs of production and Canadian living standards.

- (8) That payment be made by the Treasury of Canada of all storage charges on grain in commercial storage.
- (9) That we recommend maintenance of adequate floor prices for other agricultural commodities through the use of price stabilization legislation.
- (10) That support of the Deficiency Payment principle as applied to grains be reaffirmed and that negotiations be continued with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet leading to the acceptance of the principle for application to the crop years 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58.
2. That we recommend that immediate action be taken by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool to circulate a petition and collect funds to finance a campaign in Saskatchewan in support of a Deficiency Payment policy to provide for a fairer share of the national income to producers of wheat, oats and barley in Western Canada, preliminary to taking a mass delegation to Ottawa at the earliest possible date, to be determined by the Board of Directors in consultation with the other two Pool organizations; the Saskatchewan Farmers Union; and the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture.

Allocation of Surplus Earnings

3. That the recommendation of the Board of Directors concerning the allocation of surplus earnings, Season 1957-1958, as set out in the Directors' Report, as follows:

| Excess Charges Refund—Season 1957- | |
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| 1958..... | \$5,190,500.00 |
| Provision for Income Tax—estimated..... | 540,000.00 |
| Transfer to Reserve Account— estimated..... | 625,591.75 |
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| | \$6,356,091.75 |

be approved, and further—

That the share of surplus earnings for the year ended 31st July 1958, allocated to Excess Charges Refund, Season 1957-1958 and amounting to \$5,190,500.00, be distributed in proportion to patronage on all grain, including rapeseed, and livestock, delivered by the members of the Company during the year ended 31st July 1958, on the following basis:

Grain:

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| (a) Cash patronage dividend at the rate of 1c per bushel, estimated..... | \$1,605,000.00 |
| (b) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1.1c per bushel, to be used for the purchase, at face value, of Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions of the Company, from members in eligible categories as previously determined by the Board of Directors, such Deductions to be credited to the persons entitled to the patronage dividend, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated..... | 1,765,500.00 |
| (c) Patronage dividend at the rate of 1c per bushel, to be retained as a loan from the shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated..... | 1,605,000.00 |

Livestock:

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| (d) Patronage dividend at the rate per head for cattle 78c; calves 31c; and hogs, sheep and lambs 19c; to be retained from the shareholders of the Company, in accordance with the Articles of Association, provided that those members entitled to such dividend, whose Elevator and Commercial Reserve Deductions have heretofore been purchased by the Company, shall be paid their share of such amount in cash, estimated.... | 215,000.00 |
| | <u>\$5,190,500.00</u> |

4. That when the retained patronage dividend on livestock deliveries has accumulated to the sum of \$5.00 or over, the full amount of the dividend should be paid out in cash.

Floor Prices

5. That we recommend that the Board of Directors urge the Federal Government to bring floor prices more in line with actual cost of production, and that floor prices be applicable at the producer level rather than that of the processor or distributor.

Support Price for Hogs

6. That we recommend to the Government of Canada that the support price for hogs be

maintained at present price levels to 31st December 1959.

Duty on Cattle and Hogs to U.S.

7. That we recommend that representations be made to the Canadian Minister of Agriculture emphasizing the importance to the livestock industry of Canada of access to U.S. markets for Canadian livestock and urging that every effort be made to induce the U.S. Government to lower the present rate of duty on cattle and hogs entering the U.S. from Canada, or at least to have the rates of duty maintained at levels not higher than presently in existence, and further,

That extreme caution be used under existing anti-dumping legislation so as to avoid any possibility of reprisals against the Canadian livestock industry.

Bangs and T.B. Free Areas

8. Whereas there are many parts of our province not classed as Bangs and T.B. free areas;

Be it resolved that we recommend that if sufficient veterinarians are not available, we ask that the work be done by technicians under the supervision of a qualified veterinary surgeon in order to get more areas qualified as Bangs and T.B. free areas.

Feed Lots and Public Markets

9. That we recommend that the Board of Directors investigate, along with other co-operatives, the possibility of establishing feed lots or feeder club associations, in conjunction with public markets.

Rapeseed

10. That we recommend to the Board of Directors that they investigate the possibilities of operating a voluntary contract pool for the marketing of rapeseed, involving growers' delivery quotas, and if deemed to be in the best interests of producers, that steps be taken to create the necessary marketing organization in time to handle the 1959 crop.

11. That we recommend that we exert all possible pressure to have the freight rate on rapeseed brought into line with the Crows' Nest Pass rates.

12. That we recommend that our Board of Directors endeavour to have the Wheat Board Act amended to have rapeseed identified as a grain.

Durum Wheat

13. That we recommend that our Board of Directors endeavour to have Durum wheat treated as a separate grain from bread wheat, statistically and in all other respects.

Bracken Enquiry Commission re Box Cars

14. That we recommend that we press for an early report from the Bracken Commission, and if the report does not provide for the farmer delivering grain to the elevator of his choice, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Board continue to press for a more equitable distribution of box cars.

Assistance to Non-veteran Farmers

15. That we recommend that the Federal and Provincial Governments be asked to institute a scheme similar to the Veterans' Land Act for financial assistance to non-veteran farmers.

Policy: Cash Advances

16. That we recommend that the Government be asked to amend the regulations so that a farmer may obtain a cash advance on grain grown on his own land without obtaining the signature of the owner of rented land.

Research Dept.—S.W.P.

17. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool set up a research department under the supervision of a qualified economist at once.

Trained Personnel—S.W.P.

18. That we recommend that the Board of Directors give more consideration to the problem of having trained personnel within each Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in a position to accept the appointment as Manager of the Division at any time, but particularly when it is known that the present Manager is nearing the retirement age.

Rept. in Ottawa

19. That we recommend that the Board of Directors endeavour to have a representative of the three provincial Pools present in Ottawa, in order to keep us in closer contact with Government policy and to more directly

present the requirements of Western agriculture.

Sask. School Curriculum

20. That we recommend that the philosophy and principles of co-operation be included as a course of study in the Saskatchewan school curriculum.

Moving Grain via Conveyor

21. That we recommend that the Board of Directors investigate a report that there is a possibility of moving grain via a conveyor system, and give this idea encouragement and publicity whenever possible.

Packing Plant

22. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, along with other co-operatives, investigate the feasibility of operating their own packing plant.

Food Bank

23. That we support the recommendations of I.F.A.P. in the setting up of a food bank by the governments of surplus producing countries.

Recognition of Govt. of Mainland China

24. That we recommend that we press the Federal Government to recognize the government of mainland China so that business on an international scale may be increased.

Testing Nuclear Weapons

25. That we recommend that we go on record as being opposed to any further testing of nuclear weapons.

Credit Unions

26. Whereas the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool has always been a strong supporter of the Credit Union movement, therefore,

Be it resolved that this organization protests the action being contemplated by the chartered banks to increase charges to Credit Unions.

Seed Cleaning Plants

27. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Government be asked to increase the grants toward the construction of co-operative seed cleaning plants.

Seed Grain

28. That we endeavour to have all chemicals used for treating seed grain dyed with one bright colour to enable agents to detect treated grain.

Purple Gasoline

29. That we recommend that we ask the Provincial Government to lift restrictions regarding the use of purple gasoline in Saskatchewan registered farm trucks, as has been done in the Province of Alberta.

Grasshopper Campaign

30. That we recommend asking the Government of Canada to assist in financing a campaign to fight grasshoppers.

Policy: Wild Fowl

31. Whereas heavy damage is done to crops by wild fowl in the fall;

Be it resolved that we recommend that we ask that an open season be declared next fall on wild ducks and sandhill cranes in areas where damage is being done.

Country Elevator Division

32. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool be asked to set up a committee to make a study of and thoroughly investigate the grading, acceptance and rejecting of malting barley.

33. That a stricter inspection of work done by the Construction Department be maintained, as various complaints are being made.

34. That we recommend that the Wheat Pool Purchasing Department should endeavour to co-operate more closely with Federated Co-operatives' Purchasing Department.

35. That we recommend that the income received from The Canadian Wheat Board by the Country and Terminal Elevator Divisions, as shown on the financial statement, be divided into handling and storage charges.

36. That we recommend that our Head Office make every effort to relay Wheat Board information to Saskatchewan Pool elevators at least as early as it is received by line elevators.

37. That we recommend that as the germination "rag dolls" have proved very satisfactory,

enough of them be supplied to fill all requests made by farmers.

Flour Mill Division

38. Whereas it has been rumored that some of the flour gristed from over delivery wheat has been sold at retail stores; therefore,

Be it resolved that we recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board order all such flour stamped "Farm Gristed, for Home Use Only."

39. Whereas subsidies paid to Canadian millers on export flour are paid by The Canadian Wheat Board and, consequently, the cost of the subsidy is borne by the producer; therefore,

Be it resolved that we send a strong protest to the Federal Government against this method and suggest that this subsidy be paid from the Federal Treasury.

Livestock Division

40. That we recommend that receipts be issued to the farmer when he unloads stock at stock yards.

41. That we recommend that the Management investigate the possibility of appointing as Assistant Manager at stock yards where deemed necessary.

42. That we recommend that additional pens and other facilities be provided at stock yards to permit hog producers to unload freely and to allow more efficient handling of hogs.

43. That we recommend that the Management investigate the practicability of establishing counter and coffee bar at the Regina livestock yard in the near future.

44. That we recommend that the Board of Directors give further and more intensive study to the desirability of building a livestock yard in the north-eastern part of the province.

45. That the Board of Directors study ways and means of having settlements for hog deliveries made more promptly.

Publicity

46. That we recommend that a film documentation of some of the activities leading up to the mass delegation to Ottawa, and the trip itself, be taken by the Pool for future reference.

47. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool prepare films showing the work and problems at the beginning of the organization of the Wheat Pool and what the organization has accomplished.

48. That we recommend to the Board of Directors that they investigate the feasibility of sponsoring a radio and T.V. program, to be jointly financed by the three Pool organizations, to be carried over the C.B.C., informing the people of Canada of some of the problems of Western agriculture.

49. That we recommend that our Board of Directors give consideration to the compiling of a historical reference book, covering the development of each department from its inception.

50. That the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool put more emphasis on the activities of the Livestock Division in the publicity work of the organization, and that the importance of public markets as instruments for establishing price levels for livestock be outlined in newspaper releases, radio programs and other media.

Country Organization

51. That we recommend that the section of the Directors' Report covering Country Organization be submitted earlier in the Annual Meeting, due to its great importance in our organization.

52. That the course of study for use in the new delegates' training course should provide for instruction on the financial structure of the organization.

53. That we recommend that in view of the number of resolutions that the Resolutions Committee have to consider and finally select to go before the Annual Meeting, that one more day be allowed the Committee preceding the Annual Meeting.

54. That we recommend that all resolutions reaching Head Office up to noon of the day immediately preceding the first day of the meeting of the Resolutions Committee, be presented to that body for their consideration.

The Canadian Wheat Board

55. That we recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board be the sole marketing agency for grain, including flax and rye.

56. That we recommend that all appointees to the position of Commissioner of The Canadian Wheat Board should have a sympathetic attitude towards the present method of marketing grain.

57. Whereas The Canadian Wheat Board policy now in effect is that of one permit book to each farm unit, and

Whereas in previous years many so-called farm units received two or more permit books and are still able to obtain them, and

Whereas this policy has resulted in a very unfair distribution of the Federal Government's acreage payment;

Be it resolved that we request our Management to try and devise a plan for presentation to The Canadian Wheat Board for a more equal distribution of permit books so that all farm units would be treated as nearly alike as possible.

58. That Canadian Wheat Board regulations providing for over-delivery privileges governing the trading of grain for forage seed, normally effective in January, be amended so that forage seed can be obtained in the fall in time for seeding.

59. That we recommend that The Canadian Wheat Board be asked not to declare a farmer in default when called on to deliver grain against a cash advance, if there is no space in the elevator at which he made the application.

60. That we recommend that whereas there are large areas in Northern Saskatchewan where many farmers, due to unfavorable harvesting conditions, have been forced to harvest all their grain damp; therefore,

Be it resolved that emergency measures be taken to put box cars into points affected, in order that farmers can deliver advance quotas for shipment to terminals for drying.

Miscellaneous: U. of S.

That we recommend to the Board of Directors

that a grant of \$10,000.00 be made to the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan.

4-H Councils

62. Whereas our organization contributes \$10,000.00 annually towards rural youth education in Saskatchewan to be administered by the Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan and receives very little recognition or publicity for this action, on a district or sub-district level; therefore, Be it resolved that our Board of Directors give serious consideration to allocating a portion of this amount or an additional amount directly to our 4-H councils to be used for 4-H competition awards.

63. That our Board of Directors give consideration to this organization obtaining a membership on the Canadian 4-H Club Council.

Bursaries

64. That we recommend that the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool bursaries to the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, be increased from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

P.F.A.A.

65. That we request that when P.F.A.A. cheques are mailed out that a statement be enclosed giving land description, number of acres and rate of payment per acre.

Churchill

66. Whereas we recognize the great economic advantage to the Western economy by the shipment and sale of wheat through the Port of Churchill, Manitoba; and

Whereas we fully appreciate the rapid annual increase in these shipments, reaching over nineteen and one-half million bushels in the 1958 season; and

Whereas we realize that the greatest potential use of the Port of Churchill can not be attained with the present facilities;

Be it resolved that we pledge our support to the Hudson Bay Route Association in their request to the Federal Government for more storage and handling facilities, improved transportation facilities, more ship loading berths and better harbour facilities.

